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SUBJECT: Wider East German Use of Description of West Berlin as Part of GDR 451470
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The East German claim, enunciated previously in East German propaganda, that West Berlin is a part of the GDR is now being used in form letters of the section of the Ministry of the Interior which controls the entry of West Berliners into East Germany. A recent example of such a letter, which has come into the hands of a U.S. intelligence agency in Berlin, reads as follows:

"With regard to your application of _____ you are informed that the decision of the Entry Permit Office at _____ concerning your application has been correct. Another decision is not possible, having regard to the provocative policy, hostile to a relaxation of tension which is now practiced by the Brandt administration in West Berlin. Please do not regard this decision as directed exclusively against you or your relatives but consider that the blame is to be attached to the precarious situation in West Berlin and all the resulting consequences in the Brandt Senat and its doubtful surroundings. An absolute liberality in travel between the Western part of the capital of the GDR and the GDR will only then be possible if the West Berlin Senat goes over to a wise policy in the interest of all peace-loving Berliners."

FOR the Assistant Chief of Mission:

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